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Time

Jeannine Messina

The pendulum swings, counting each second
as the hands sweep the face of the old
grandfather clock. The Westminster melody
chimes, breaking the silence each quarter hour.

Time passes, and quickly steals away.

A leather chair, the color of red wine,
armrests worn, where your carpenter's hands
once lay at rest. Misty eyed dreams, plans
to revisit Jefferson's Monticello one more time.

Propped in the corner are two walking canes.
One is cherry wood, a gold band below the handle,
the other, a wild grained oak. The tapping
of the cane as you made your way across the tiled
floor, is only in my memory.

On the shelf, dusty books: Civil War, Korea,
historical houses. Magazines, pages unruffled,
turn yellow with age, while the old grandfather
clock stands watch over all.

Time passes, and quickly steals away.